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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
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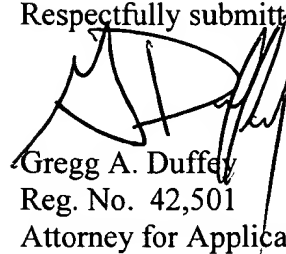
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of three months to and including August 17, 2004 in which to respond to the Office Action.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$950 to Deposit Account No. 01-2508/11867.0003.NPUS00. for a three-month extension of time. Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the extension of time, the

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